

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 178

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Trooper John Robert Davis of Dickson County.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Trooper John Robert Davis at age 49; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Davis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens as a Tennessee Highway Patrol Officer, as well as in other capacities; and

WHEREAS, John Davis served with acumen and alacrity as a thirteen year-veteran of the Tennessee Highway Patrol; he had earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his unswerving dedication to duty; prior to joining THP, Trooper Davis had spent several years as an officer with the Dickson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, John Davis, on March 17, 2001, had just pulled over a motorist suspected of driving under the influence, perhaps saving that motorist's life, and then left the suspect at the scene with a county deputy to go refuel his vehicle; moments later, southbound on Clydeton Road at the intersection of Little Richland Road in Humphreys County, he lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a rock outcropping near a creek bank; and

WHEREAS, John Davis was a competent and highly regarded officer who died in the line of duty; the esteem in which he was held by his fellow law enforcement professionals and the people of the City of Dickson and Dickson County was clearly demonstrated by the hundreds who attended his funeral at the First Baptist Church in Dickson, including law enforcement officers from seven states outside of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Davis' badge number 714 was retired during a special ceremony; his close friend Lieutenant Mike Dover said of Trooper Davis, "He was a good officer. He loved his family...loved his job. This is a very difficult time for the Tennessee Highway Patrol"; and

WHEREAS, John Davis was the son of the late Grady and Katherine Lee Davis; Trooper Davis was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Davis was the loving father of daughter Heather Davis and is also survived by his brother Don Davis and nephew Michael Davis; he was a member of Dickson Masonic Lodge No. 468; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Davis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, courage and probity as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Trooper John Robert Davis, reflecting fondly upon his great courage and dedicated service to law enforcement, his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Trooper Davis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.